

What is claimed is:

1. An image recording method for recording some or all of plural sets of image data on a storage medium, comprising steps of selecting representative images of the images represented by said plural sets of image data, and attaching thumbnail images of said representative images to the surface of said storage medium disk.

2. An image recording method as defined in claim 1, wherein said representative images are selected based on predetermined data attached to said plural sets of image data.

3. An image recording method as defined in claim 1 or 2, wherein said representative images are selected based on the degree of similarity of said plural sets of image data.

4. An image recording apparatus for recording some or all of plural sets of image data on a storage medium comprising a selecting means for selecting representative images representative of the images represented by said plural sets of image data, and

a representative image attaching means for attaching thumbnail images of said selected representative images to the surface of said storage medium.

5. An image recording apparatus as defined in claim 4, wherein

said selecting means selects said representative images based on predetermined data attached to said plural sets of image data.

6. An image recording apparatus as defined in claim 4 or 5, wherein

said selecting means selects said representative images based on the degree of similarity of said plural sets of image data.

7. A computer readable storage medium for recording a program that causes a computer to execute the recording method of recording some or all of plural sets of image data onto a storage medium, wherein

said program includes a selecting procedure for selecting representative images representative of the images represented by said plural sets of image data, and

an attaching procedure for attaching thumbnail images of said representative images to the surface of said storage medium.

8. A computer readable storage medium as defined in claim 7, wherein

said selecting procedure selects said representative images based on predetermined data attached to said plural sets of image data.

9. A computer readable storage medium as defined in claim 7 or 8, wherein

said selecting procedure selects said representative images based on the degree of similarity of said plural sets of image data.

10. A storage medium for recording some or all of plural sets of image data, wherein index images of the representative

images of the images represented by said plural sets of image data are attached to the surface of the storage medium disk.

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